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BEIRUT FOR AMBASSADOR PARKER

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: TREATMENT OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ESCAPEES:
LEBANESE JEWRY

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1. SINCE REFTEL EXCHANGE, A NUMBER OF SYRIAN JEWS HAVE LEFT SYRIA ILLEGALLY. SOME, ACCORDING TO REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH STEVE SHALOM, WERE IMPRISONED TEMPORARILY BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES BEFORE BEING PERMITTED TO LEAVE TURKEY. SHALOM ALSO EXPECTS THERE WILL BE OTHER SYRIAN JEWS TRAVELING ILLEGALLY TO TURKEY AND LEBANON IN THE FUTURE AND POSSIBLY REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM US CONSULS IN TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES. SHALOM ASKED US WHAT CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE POSTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE FOR HANDLING POSSIBLE SYRIAN JEWISH ESCAPEES.

2. REF A, PARA 2 INDICATED SUCH CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE
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WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE SUCH GUIDANCE WOULD BE USEFUL. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. MEMBERS OF SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO RAISED WITH US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS CASES OF RELATIVES IN LEBANON WISHING TO TRAVEL OR EMIGRATE TO US. IN ONE SUCH CASE (MIZRAHI) AS WE RECALL VISAS WERE ISSUED BY

EMBASSY BEIRUT. WE HAVE NOW BEEN APPROACHED REGARDING
ANOTHER LEBANESE JEWISH FAMILY (RELATED TO DR. HASBANI)
AND ASKED WHETHER WE COULD HELP IN EXPEDITING VISAS.
SINCE OTHER SUCH REQUESTS ARE LIKELY TO BE RECEIVED WE
WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL
PROGRAMS OR HANDLING PROCEDURES CURRENTLY IN EFFECT
FOR HANDLING LEBANESE JEWS WISHING TO VISIT OR EMIGRATE
TO THE U.S.
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